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A RESTLESS SEARCH FOR TRUTH

Another Testimony

THE MESSENGER is again indebted to the files of Elder C. W. Rogers of Elmhurst ward for the story of another conversion to Mormonism, this time that of Elder Ephriam Basinger of Forest Dale ward of Salt Lake City. Elder Rogers has the interesting hobby of collecting these testimonies, thus building up an invaluable supply of source material on the fruits of the Gospel.

The narrative of Ephriam Basinger is one of a restless, yet patient search for truth and of an abiding faith that the truth would come to light in the Lord's own due time. That faith never failed through periods of deepest despair, and was ultimately rewarded. Today Elder Basinger and his wife are engaged in soul-satisfying work for their departed kindred in the Salt Lake Temple. Since they have no near-relatives who have ever been members of the Church, this work has increased satisfaction for them.

Ephriam Basinger was born in Bluffton, Ohio, in 1868, on the farm that his grandfather, Ulrich Basinger had homesteaded in 1835. His parents were members of the Defenseless Mennonite Church of America. This church was founded by Simons Menno, a Roman Catholic priest, about 1536. He taught the divinity of Christ, adult baptism, sinfulness of war, impropriety of taking a formal oath, uselessness of science and the coming of a millennium. His aim was to imitate the humility and nobility of Christ. Colonies of his followers were planted in the new world by William Penn. As of 1920 there were about 82,500 communicants in the United States.

Young Ephriam received a thoroughly religious up-bringing. When 21, he married Levina Lugibihl, who still lives, and they have brought 14 children into the world. At the age of 24, Ephriam became thoroughly converted to Jesus the Christ as his personal Saviour and in 1893 was baptized a member of the Mennonite faith in his home community, and was for a while spiritually satisfied. However, his study of the Bible, and particularly the references in Paul's epistles to the Corinthians and Ephesians to the existence in Christ's church of apostles, prophets, etc., disturbed him. Why, if this be true, he reasoned, do we not have apostles in the Menonite church? When this question was asked of the ministers their answer was that the time of the apostles was past, never to recur on earth; their ministry was contained within the two lids of the Bible. This did not satisfy him, for if this were so, why were not the preachers also taken away?

After this, Ephriam Basinger was not satisfied with the faith he had espoused, though he remained an attendant of the Mennonite church a little over three years. He became thoroughly convinced that it was not the true church of Christ, but that if there was no such church on earth, in due time there would be. About this time there came to his notice a paper called "Leaves of Healing," edited by Dr. John Alexander Dowie, advocating divine healing. He subscribed to the paper. Soon after Dr. Dowie advocated the organization of a new church with apostles and prophets in it.

This was in 1896-7. There was great unrest

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INSTRUCTIONS ON CHURCH WELFARE PLAN

The following explanation of the Welfare Plan of the Church, and instructions for carrying it out, have been received from the General Authorities. It is felt there should be a wider understanding of the subject in this Stake and for that reason the circular is reprinted in full.

Two and a half years ago the Church Welfare Plan was inaugurated. In the beginning it was announced that the Plan had three major objectives.

OBJECTIVES

First, to produce and store enough food, commodities and clothing to care for the wants of the unemployed and needy.

Second, to assist the unemployed to find work that they might become independent and free from the curse of idleness and the evils of the dole.

Third, to help our brethren and sisters, who are barely subsisting, to raise their standards of living.

Stake and ward officers, including the sisters of our Relief Societies, and members of the Church generally, have responded nobly to the calls made upon them. Much has been accomplished. But there is still much to be done, and it may be several years before we shall reach our final objective.

We have no fear that our people will not produce enough food for our needs. Again this year the harvests are abundant and the storehouses will be filled. Our present problem is that of wise distribution. How shall we place in the hands of those in need the vast stores we have accumulated?

PLAN OF PRODUCTION EXPLAINED

The General Church Welfare Committee has a plan that we commend to you. We trust Stake Presidencies, Bishoprics, Relief Society officers and all who have to do with caring for the unemployed and the needy will give it careful consideration. We will present it step by step.

Before the planting season arrived, Ward Welfare Committees met, considered their assignments and planned to fill them. Priesthood Quorums, Relief Societies and other Ward units were asked to assist in the various projects.

During the spring, summer and fall, brethren worked together. They plowed, planted, and cultivated. They harvested and stored their crops or turned them over to be canned.

Those who had surplus fruits and vegetables, gladly donated them through their bishop to the Welfare Plan.

The bishops receipted for the fruits and vegetables at a fair market price, on the new form provided by the Presiding Bishopric, and will report them to the Presiding Authorities in the annual reports. Receipting for Welfare donations of produce and commodities is the bishops' responsibility and generally speaking they have discharged it faithfully.

Where agricultural projects are not practical, cash contributions have been made to carry on special projects, such as clothing. We hope that during the coming year a greater variety of projects will be inaugurated by city Stakes.

People in the rural communities, who supply much of the food, need other things than clothing, such as bedding, furniture, books and soap, which may be supplied by city Stakes.

BISHOP'S RECEIPTING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Donations in cash or commodities, by quorums or individuals, were acknowledged by bishops on the new receipt form, in accordance with instructions from the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric under date of January 15, 1938.

This letter read in part:

"Beginning January 1, 1938, a new form of donation receipt will be provided on which the donor will receive credit for donations he may make as tithing, fast offerings, contributions to the Church Security Plan, Ward Maintenance, Missionary Fund and Improvement Fund, and it will be expected that each individual will be credited with these contributions in the proper books so that they might be inspected and properly audited periodically by Stake Auditors."

"You are also advised that hereafter fast offerings and contributions to the Church Security Plan will be accounted for in one fund, and any commodities received should be properly acknowledged on the official donation receipt, and given a value that shall not exceed a conservative wholesale market price at the time the commodities are received."

The difference in this receipt and the forms heretofore used is that it accounts for tithing and all donations. Bishops are requested to use these receipts and make proper entries in the ward records.

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PIONEER DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

July 24th will be remembered this year by members of Oakland Stake. The M. I. A., under the direction of Lund Johnson and Mrs. Mary Dunham, are planning a celebration to commemorate the entrance of the Pioneers into Salt Lake Valley. A picnic in one of the many parks, with a suitable program, games for young and old, and a dance in the evening will be the main events. Full details will be announced and circularized later. Watch for them.

UTAH'S DAY BRINGS NOTABLES

Treasure Island was the scene of Utah Day on June 14, hundreds of visitors from that state, and former residents now living here, were in attendance. Among the notables were Governor Olson of California, a former Utahan, Governor Blood of Utah, President Heber J. Grant and wife, Elder George Albert Smith, Elder Stephen L. Richards and wife, and Elder Richard R. Lyman. During the day Alexander Schreiner, organist of the Salt Lake Tabernacle, delighted hundreds with his selections on the little organ at the Church exhibit. The Mormon Male Chorus, and the San Francisco Stake Choir participated in the program held in the evening.

BISHOP WIRTHLIN BRINGS INSTRUCTIONS

The special meeting of Stake and ward officers held June 13, brought to us Bishop Joseph C. Wirthlin of the Presiding Bishopric, who gave special instructions on the Aaronic priesthood expansion plan, the welfare program and the importance of fast offerings.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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DR. AND MRS. WALQUIST VISITORS

Dr. and Mrs. John T. Walquist, members of the general boards of the Sunday School and Primary respectively, have taken up residence in Berkeley for a short period. Dr. Walquist, who is a member of the faculty of the University of Utah, is teaching during the intersession at the San Francisco State Teachers' College. Dr. Walquist was a speaker at union meeting, June 25.

MISSIONARY RETURNS

Elder King E. Beagley, of Vallejo ward, has just returned from a two and one-half-year mission in the British Isles. Elder Beagley spent one month at the beginning of his mission and another at the close in genealogical work in England, which is the home of his ancestors.

MRS. ANDERSON RETURNS

There's a reaon for the new zest with which Hugh P. Anderson is going about his duties the last ten days. He can enjoy home-cooked fodder once more, and they say it does make a difference. Hugh was plenty glum for a while, as Amy's visit to points east of the Mississippi lengthened. But all the attractions of New York, Chicago, New Orleans, and Arizona added for good measure, could not keep her away indefinitely. Even Los Angeles succeeded in holding her up for but a few days. And now she's back on the site where Hugh has for many moons been patiently(?) keeping the home fires burning. How about a house-warming now?

ASSIGNMENTS FOR JULY

Alameda: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Berkeley: Don J. Allphin, Claude M. Dewsnup.
Claremont: W. Glenn Harmon.
Dimond: William J. Nielsen, Frank J. Parsons.
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Hayward: Eugene Hilton.
Martinez: Grant Ellis, R. Kendall Thomas.
Oakland: O. Leslie Stone, Hugh P. Anderson.
Richmond: Delbert F. Wright, John C. Stirrat.
Vallejo: Ralph S. Barney, Victor C. Lindblad.
Pittsburg: Don C. Wood, Wayne E. Mayhew.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"To him that hath shall be given." So taught the Savior. This inflexible principle is being constantly demonstrated here and now and will be more fully carried out in the great judgment to come.

While it applies in mere temporal affairs its eternal application to religious and spiritual matter is of far greater concern to all Latter-day Saints. For here we sometimes see those who already have more than enough worldly wealth using it to constantly get more. In the spiritual realm, however, we can be "added upon" only as we prepare ourselves to receive greater light, knowledge and understanding by CONTINUAL OBEDIENCE AND FAITHFUL ACTIVITY.

To those holding the Holy Priesthood this is doubly important. Through its use our ability to grow in the truth is vastly increased. Through it the far-reaching program of the Church is carried forward. Only as those holding this delegation of God's authority are ACTIVE can they render the required SERVICE to others and thus insure their own growth and development. Inactivity means stagnation and spiritual death.

The program of the Church assumes a vigorous active body of men faithfully engaged in furthering its great cause. To do this people must work, not only individually but collectively. In the way of group assemblies the Church provides for the STUDY of the gospel in Sunday School and Priesthood groups each Sunday and for a vital quorum meeting each month.

Every man holding the Melchizedek Priesthood in the Oakland Stake should, so far as possible, be present each Sunday for study and association with his fellows in the Gospel Doctrine class in his respective ward. Here discussion is guided by an able man holding the higher priesthood. This class has been set apart as the place for the study of the gospel by those holding the Melchizedek Priesthood and their companions of similar ages. The leader is selected by council of Priesthood officials, the ward Bishopric and the Sunday School Superintendent. Here is afforded a most excellent opportunity to study and discuss the plan of life and salvation and should be most fully utilized by the brethren as well as the sisters.

Similarly the ward priesthood group meeting is of vital concern to every Elder, Seventy and High Priest. Here the brethren meet in their own fraternal group to study, plan, assign and report. Finally, all these brethren should be present on the fourth Sunday of every month at the Stake House at 2:00 P. M. with all other members of their quorum.

It is within this framework that the essential activities of the Priesthood are carried forward. Brethren let us be faithful and active in this great cause. Let us be valiant for the truth!

Faithfully your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON.
W. GLENN HARMON.
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

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among the Mennonites, many being taken into other sects, particularly the Christian Alliance. A conference of the Mennonites was called and Elder Basinger was selected as a delegate from his home community. During the conference an investigation was carried on among the delegates to test their soundness in the faith. When he was reached, Ephriam Basinger "cheerfully told them that I was not fully with them in the faith. Before I had a chance to sit down one of their leading bishops got up and cut me off from the church immediately."

From then until December, 1898, he remained outside any church, then joined the Christian Catholic Church of Dr. Dowie. First made a deacon, then an elder, he remained in this group for several years. At first there were no apostles, then Dr. Dowie announced himself as one, and was unanimously accepted as such. The name of the church was then changed to "The Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion." At this time Zion City, Lake County, Ill., was being built, and there were some 15,000 inhabitants, many foreign countries being represented. The site had been selected by Dr. Dowie, who announced it to a large congregation. On January 1, 1900, an early morning meeting was held of all the church officers at which many prophesies were made—which Ephriam saw fail of fulfillment within a few years.

The Basingers moved from Ohio to Zion City and labored in good faith with Dr. Dowie until the latter's deposition in 1906. All they had heard of Mormonism was adverse, the principal thing being a sermon by Dr. Dowie in his Shiloah Tabernacle in 1901, wherein he alluded to Joseph Smith as a false prophet who claimed to have seen Jesus Christ, gold plates and angels. This was the first time Ephriam had heard of such things, but even under such circumstances, with the story related with all the color of bias, it seemed reasonable and plausible to him.

However, he learned nothing more for years. When, in 1905, Dr. Dowie broke down in health and went to Mexico to recuperate, he was succeeded by Wilber Glenn Voliva, then the overseer of the church in Australia. Soon, Dr. Dowie was deposed entirely, and Ephriam Basinger was one of those so voting, being aware that the work was not pleasing in the sight of the Lord. During this time he says he was in spiritual darkness for over six months, bordering on despair. He was terribly tempted with infidelity, for every pillar of his religious faith was shaken to the foundation. However, his early training in the habit of reading the Scriptures came to his rescue. There was maintained in his home and in the home of his parents a family altar to have Scripture reading and family prayer morning and night. Through persevering in these practices he received much solace and peace.

After a year under the new church leader, Voliva, whom he describes as "a very wicked leader," Ephriam Basinger found a new home in Meade, Kansas, and severed his relationship with the Zion City movement. The transition to the new home and its ways was somewhat of a trial to him and his family, however. Neither liquor nor tobacco were permitted in Zion City, but in Kansas, while liquor was taboo, tobacco was not, and this seemed strange and hard to the Basingers.

They had determined that they would not affiliate as members of any church, unless it were an apostolic church, though they kept faith in their Redeemer. They were made welcome in the new community by the ministers of the different denominations, and were faithful in church attendance. However, to Elder Basinger's reiteration that he was looking for

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR JULY, 1939

Your Part in the Church Welfare Plan

The Church Welfare Plan, now more than three years old, is one of the most important and far-reaching movements in the Church. It is based upon the principles of the Gospel itself. Its fundamentals were taught and practiced by Joseph Smith. It is based upon the identical principles which have made possible the remarkable growth of our Church.

There is a place in the Welfare Plan for every member of the Church. There is a definite contribution each can make toward its success.

The most important element in the Welfare Plan is the spirit behind it. If all the members of the Church would accept, without reservation, the principle and spirit of the Welfare Plan, the temporal phases of our problem would disappear. There would be no want or suffering for the necessities of life. No one would be cold or hungry; no one who has been unfortunate would be embarrassed. In the past few years so many people who once were prosperous have suffered reverses, and in the future so many others are likely to have the same experience, that the true spirit of the Gospel should prevent even the slightest humiliation under any condition.

The Welfare Plan is the method adopted by the Church for meeting these emergencies, for caring for those in distress and preventing privation and discouragement.

A second element in the Welfare Plan is the principle of fraternalism or brotherhood: We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. We are one great family. We are working in a common cause. What kind of brother is one who will turn away from those in want? Who will excuse himself from rendering assistance, upon some pretext? Surely not one who comprehends what it means to be a brother in the Church of Christ.

One plan for accomplishing the purposes of the Welfare Plan is the Fast Offering and Welfare Contribution Plan. The Deacons of the Church are expected to call at every home in the Church on Fast Sunday to receive the Fast offerings and Welfare contributions of the Saints. Every family should make some donation each month. Those who are blessed with ample means should give liberally; others according to their circumstances.

The minimum average contribution suggested is one dollar a year for every member of every family. Realizing that some families cannot pay that much and that still others can pay none at all, those who can should pay more. This minimum contribution should not cause any member to lose sight of the real obligation of Fast Day. That obligation is to refrain from two meals and contribute the equivalent to the needy. If every member of the Church would squarely meet this obligation there would be sufficient to supply every present need.

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an apostolic church the reply was that it was not upon the earth and could not be except it "might be in the millennium."

So matters drifted until 1911. Late in the evening of May 2nd, two well dressed men stopped at the Basinger home, stating they were missionaries and were looking for a place to spend the night. They were invited in. Though the family had eaten, a repast was prepared for them. Afterward, the family conversed with the strangers in the living room, and learned they were Mormons. This was the first opportunity the Basingers had had to learn of the Mormons from Mormons themselves; all they had heard previously had been adverse. As a result of this evening's conversation, the family became investigators for a little over two years, although Elder Basinger states he was converted the first night and was ready to be baptized the next day; however, his long experience and bitter disappointments made him cautious.

On June 16, 1913, nine members of his family—all who were old enough—were baptized and confirmed. They remained in Kansas, very active in the mission, and underwent much persecution by reason of their faith.

As a result of the great drouth they left the dust bowl region and in 1937 located in Salt Lake City where Elder Basinger is active as a missionary in Granite Stake. Upon leaving Kansas they were determined to go to a place "where there was a House of the Lord."

In addition to missionary work, the Basingers have been extremely active and with great results in the field of genealogy. His narrative is concluded with the declaration that "I never at any time was sorry for the step we have taken in uniting with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It is the joy of my life to live among the Saints of God."

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The receipts read as follows:

"This certifies that Arthur Jones, has voluntarily donated to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the sum of Twenty Dollars as follows: Tithing, seventeen dollars; Fast Offerings or Security donations, one dollar; Ward Maintenance, one dollar; Missionary Fund, fifty cents; Improvement Fund, fifty cents. Total Twenty Dollars. Clarence H. Tingey, Bishop." If donations or any part of them are paid in produce there is a place to record the amount, kind and value.

Bishops have used these receipts in acknowledging contributions of produce and commodities for the Welfare Plan, and you will observe from this line that they will be accounted for in the same fund as fast offerings. It must be clearly understood, however, that they do not take the place of regular fast offerings.

Brethren and sisters, encourage each other to fast, pray and attend fast meetings. Fast offerings should be equivalent to the two meals from which you abstain.

The letter says further:

"Surplus fast offerings are to be remitted monthly to the Stake Clerk to be placed in a Stake Fast Offering Fund under the direction of the Stake Presidency. Any ward where fast offerings are insufficient to meet the needs of those requiring assistance may draw on the Stake Fast Offering Fund with the approval of the Stake President.

SURPLUS FAST OFFERINGS IN A STAKE FUND

It is of course to be expected that every ward will do its full share in the matter of fast offerings. If the Stake has a surplus in this fund, it is to be remitted to the regional chairman to be made available to any Stake within the region needing funds. Any surplus in any region is to be remitted periodically to the presiding bishop's office.

RECEIPTING FOR A QUORUM CONTRIBUTION

Let us suppose that an elder's group raises an acre of vegetables which they contribute to the Welfare Plan through their bishop. The question is, to whom shall the bishop give credit, the quorum or the individuals?

This question is answered by the quorum itself. If the elders decide the quorum is to be credited, the bishop will issue a receipt and open an account with the quorum in the ward records. But do not confuse this with funds raised by the quorum for quorum purposes. If the brethren decide they prefer individual credit, the total amount is to be pro-rated, and each elder who worked on the project is to receive his share. The bishop will then issue receipts to those entitled to them, and hand them to the quorum president who will make the distribution.

PROCESSING OF PROGRAM-PRODUCED COMMODITIES

What will the bishop do with the vegetables? He may ask the elders to deliver them to the ward or Stake cannery, to be packed by those who, for the most part, will be the direct recipients of the Welfare Plan.

Or the bishop may direct that the vegetables be delivered to a larger canning center. Frequently at these centers there have been too few persons, who are the direct beneficiaries of the Welfare Plan, to handle the contributions of fruits and vegetables, and officers and members of the Relief Societies, who do not need assistance, have responded to calls for help, thus showing their gratitude to the Lord for an unusually bounteous harvest.

Tens of thousands of cans of food have been provided. One California ward, with fewer than three hundred fifty members, packed nearly fifteen thousand cans of luscious fruit. The spirit of this successful group has been manifested in almost every Stake of the Church.

EVALUATING PROGRAM-PRODUCED COMMODITIES

The contributions through canning projects are impressive. To illustrate: These peas are of a quality you would expect to pay ten or twelve cents a can for at the store. The can and transportation cost about four cents. The difference between the four cents and the store price is the value of the peas in the can and the labor of preparing them. This six or eight cents a can represents a direct contribution to the Welfare Plan. Thousands of cans were packed, which makes a substantial contribution to our program. There were also large contributions of all other staple vegetables.

Fruits have also been canned in great variety and quantity. The container, sweetening and transportation cost about five cents per can. Such fruits retail at from fifteen to twenty-five cents. The value of fruit contributions runs to many thousands of dollars.

But more important than the money value

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is the increased health and vitality that will be enjoyed by those to whom the fruits are distributed. Many of these will be little children who would have been deprived of this blessing had it not been for the Welfare Plan.

Groups of men holding the priesthood have worked in the beet, potato and wheat fields to complete budget assignments. The wheat will be milled into flour that will make nutritious home-made bread; the beets into sugar, and the potatoes will be an every-day staple in hundreds of homes. These are important, but of more value is the spiritual growth of our brethren.

The harvest is nearly gathered. Stocks of canned goods fill our storehouses.

Hundreds of sacks of potatoes and quantities of other foods await distribution. Can we distribute as well as we have gathered? Can we give as we have received? What is a practical, economical method? The plan approved by the General Authorities, now to be discussed, is simple and easy to follow.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION EXPLAINED

To carry out this plan every Stake must have access to a storehouse, operated either by itself, or in cooperation with other Stakes. Wherever practical, storage centers should also be provided in the regions. In some regions that is not practical, however.

Consider the Stakes located in Southern Utah and Nevada, known as the Virgin River region. At the north is Beaver and at the south, Moapa, more than two hundred miles away. West of the mountains are Parowan, St. George and Zion Park, and to the east, Panguitch and Kanab. How shall such a region operate?

By establishing storehouses in all the Stakes, holding regular regional meetings and by occasional visits from the regional chairman. The regional meeting is the place to consider common problems, exchange information and arrange for the transfer of commodities.

Each Stake reports its surpluses and makes known its needs.

At the following meeting, exchanges are made on the *basis of needs, not values.* From its surpluses each Stake brings that which the other Stakes need, and takes back the commodities it requires.

Supplies are stored at the Stake storehouse and made available to wards upon bishop's orders. Stake storehouses also supply foods and commodities produced outside the region, which are obtained through the general committee. In this manner the production of the entire Welfare Plan is placed at the disposal of every Stake prepared to make distribution.

Let us consider the Pocatello Stake bishops' storehouse. It has a good basement for storage, which is well stocked; a modern kitchen for canning; light, ventilated rooms for sewing; and a large room for distribution of foods. It operates a coal and wood yard.

Pocatello has a complete line of Welfare Plan foods, which have been supplied by the wards of the Stake, the canning center, and the general committee. It is directed by a committee of bishops that meets regularly and participates in all storehouse matters. Orders on the storehouse are made out by the ward Relief Society officers and approved by the bishops. They are filled by the storehouse manager who is assisted by those assigned to storehouse projects by their bishops. A woman work director supervises canning and sewing under direction of the Stake Relief Society officers. She is assisted by women who have been assigned to these projects.

Two wards, located approximately twenty-five and forty miles away, have their own storage centers and draw from the Stake storehouse as occasion requires. All other wards use the Stake storehouse for storage and distribution.

REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION

Let us use the Northern Utah region to explain how a region may function in the distribution program. The regional storehouse is at Ogden, the natural distributing center, and serves the dual purpose of assembling and distributing surpluses. How are surpluses determined?

First, a survey is made to learn what each Stake has produced.

Second, the needs of the Stake are figured for an eight months' winter storage period, by ascertaining the probable number who will need assistance during the period and computing their food requirements by using the tables prepared by the Utah State Agricultural College and the General Board of Relief Society.

COMPUTING BUDGET REQUIREMENTS

For example, suppose that in Box Elder Stake one hundred thirty persons need assistance and five thousand cans of cherries have been packed. It is quickly determined that only six hundred fifty cans of cherries will be needed, and therefore the Stake will have a surplus of four thousand three hundred fifty cans.

The surpluses are assembled and the needs of the Stakes of the region are supplied as far as possible. Then the general committee is asked for other needed foods which may be available elsewhere. Regional surpluses are placed at the disposal of the general committee.

In compact regions, bishops' storehouses may serve several Stakes. Stake storehouses order their requirements from the regional center and the regional truck delivers the supplies.

The Salt Lake regional storehouse serves sixteen Stakes in Salt Lake, Davis and Tooele counties. It is a receiving, storage and distributing center.

The bishops' central storehouse is also located in Salt Lake City and is operated under the direction of the general committee and the Salt Lake region.

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WARD NEWS

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

Katheryn Maybe and Clifton Boyack have been chosen to serve as president and superintendent of the Y. W. M. I. A. and Y. M. M. I. A. for the coming year. Assistants for the young men will be Grant Tolman, first, and William Shea, second. Grace Richards will be first and Hazel Driggs second counselors for the young women, with Mildred Cardwell and Wilma Gilbert as organist.

The Primary Asociation held the graduation exercises for the girls, Sunday evening, June 4. After a short program, Lella Ericksen accepted the girls into the Beehive work of the M. I. A. Those who received diplomas were Mary Watkinson, Gloria Byrne, Joy Moosman, Rosemary Dunham, Alice Mae Allan, Merrilyn Harmon, Dawna Ericksen, Virginia Eggan, and Elizabeth Monson.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Driggs of Gooding, Idaho, and their daughters, Sabie, Franc and Lucille, have been visiting in Berkeley. Mr. Driggs attended the national convention of the American Association of Instructors for the Deaf.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral S. Luke, who moved away from Berkeley a short time ago, have been back visiting recently. Mr. Luke was the speaker at sacrament meeting on June 11. Their home is in Lamoore, California.

The Berkeley ward choir, under the direction of W. King Driggs, sang in Oakland ward on June 11, while the Oakland choir came to Berkeley. This activity was the last for the Berkeley choir for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest S. Holmes of Salt Lake City, with their sons, Gordon and Dick, spent two weeks in Berkeley visiting wth ther daughter, Mrs. Laurine Ellis.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Reynolds and family have moved to our ward from Salt Lake City.

Mr. H. B. Brummett is spending a three-week vacation in his home state, Kentucky, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Nellie Muir, from Utah, is visiting at the home of Mr. James Muir and family.

Mr. and Mr. A. Jacobson and Mrs. W. Tally of Arizona and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Murphy of Salt Lake City were recent visitors at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stamps and Mr. and Mrs. N. Brown.

Mr. Stanley Michelson has gone to Salt Lake City, where he will be married to Miss Vivian Church, June 28.

Miss Helene Brummett, Mrs. Lydia Pearson and Mrs. Rene Nethercutt entertained at a bridal shower for Miss Bea Stock at her home.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

Mrs. Elsie Nix and Berta Evenson were hosteses to the Relief Society ladies at a party at the Nix home, June 7.

Our Sunday evening services have been exceptionally interesting this past month: June 4, the M. I. A. had charge of the services and were fortunate in having Mrs. Hughes of Berkeley present to sing for us; June 11 was an "all musical" evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all; June 18, Don C. Wood of the Stake High Council was our speaker; June 25, the Pittsburg Branch had charge of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hipwell and daughter, Doreen, have returned from a vacation spent in Utah. Mrs. Hipwell's brother, J. C. Hooper, of Ogdan, returned with them and will spend some time in Martinez.

Mr. and Mrs. Felt and son of Ogden, Utah, are visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. LaGrande Cook.

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Mrs. Marie Grover has her sister, Miss Barbara Bott, and her cousin, Miss Helen Bott, of Brigham City, Utah, visiting with her at her home in Walnut Creek.

The Primary held its closing party of the season in the form of a picnic and swimming party June 10.

Ray Evenson's Sunday School class, with the Church History Class as their guests, held a picnic and swimming party at Mitchell's Canyon, June 17.

The Bluebird Girls of the Primary enjoyed an all-day swimming party at Mitchell's Canyon, June 22.

The Mutual plays which had originally been planned for earlier in the spring, but which had to be postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, were presented June 23. The two one-act plays which were selected by the ward M. I. A. and directed by Mrs. Elsie Nix, were "Romance is a Racket," and "Bargains in Cathay."

VALLEJO WARD

Services Held at 2010 Marin Street

June 6, the ladies of the Vallejo ward Relief Society enjoyed an outing to Blue Rock Springs. Games were played and a delicious picnic lunch was served. Eighteen members and friends were present.

King E. Beagley, our foreign missionary, has returned from his duties in the mission fields of England, and was one of the speakers Sunday evening, June 18. Clyde Summerhays of the Stake Presidency was a visitor the same evening, and our ward enjoyed a real spiritual feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Alma Jennings and two children, of the 18th ward in Ogden, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wells Shurtleff for a few days, and visited the fair.

Troop 19, Vallejo ward's Boy Scout Troop, enjoyed an overnight hike, May 29-30, in Rector's Canyon. It was the first camping trip they had made since being organized this spring, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those taking part. Those who made the trip were the following: Scouts Thorvald Honsvick, Gilbert Honsvick, Milton Honsvick, Harvey Altman, LeRoy Altman, Walter Prescott Jr., Vernal Lewis and Glen Hill. They were accompanied by the following Scouters: Deacon Supervisor Wm. Altman, Scout Committeemen Grant Stratford and Monroe Thomas, and Scoutmaster Walter Bolander.

Sunday evening, June 11, the Primary Guide class presented the evening services, assisted by the Boy Scouts of Troop 19. The following four boys of the class received diplomas: James Nielsen, Derwood Coleman, Willard Thulin, and John Sparks.

Saturday evening, June 17, the Primary, under the direction of Superintendent Georgia Coleman, presented their Spring Festival to a large and most appreciative audience. This concludes the Primary for a few weeks.

Celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Muhlenbrook were entertained at a dinner at the Lake Merritt Hotel in Oakland, given by their son, F. B. Muhlenbrook of San Jose. Relatives from Utah, Idaho, Vallejo, and the Bay district were in attendance.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at Wilkins Hall, 2412 Haste Street, Berkeley

The marriage of Ella Logan Brown and Marvin Charles Fraizier took place in the home of Bishop Reed Chase on Sunday, June 11, with Bishop Chase performing the ceremony.

The Bishopric of Claremont ward gave a farewell party on June 7 for Warren Carr. It was held in the Berkeley ward chapel. Warren is the fourth son, of a family of five sons, to go on a mission. He will labor in the Canadian mission.

The Bishop of Grantsville ward performed the ceremony which joined in matrimony Irene Wrathall of Grantsville and Jack Millward of Claremont ward. The date was May 26. They will reside in Claremont ward.

A ward outing was held at Alvarado Park on Saturday, June 10. Games of all types were played. The picnic was just a sample of what Claremont has planned.

The Millward brothers are enjoying a visit from their mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Millward of Grantsville. Their aunt, Sadie Lawson, and their niece, Mary Jean Fenton, are also visiting.

The Junior Genealogy class of Claremont ward gave a party and farewell shower for Warren Carr. They invited as special guests some of Warren's friends from Berkeley ward. It was held after church, June 7, at the Carr home.

It has reached the ears of friends that Mr. and Mrs. Marama Compton are hard at work in the Glendale ward. Marie Compton is working in the Sunday School and Marama is teaching the Deacon' Quorum and genealogy class. They are both in the choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Carr wish to thank all of Warren's friends that came down to the train to see Warren off. He left June 10 at 8:40.

Mrs. Roberta Millward has gone for a short visit to Utah. She is staying wth her parents.

Helen Clovis, the new president of the Y. L. M. I. A., announces the Mutual will carry out a definite summer program. The new councillors to Mrs. Clovis are Lucille Jeffries and Moreen Carr. Martin Jefferis, the superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A., has as his first councillor Jack Millward and his second hasn't definitely been decided upon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Barrett have as guests Mr. Charles T. Barrett and Mrs. Eva and Mrs. Mabel Barrett of Logan, Utah.

Mrs. Russell was released as Primary president and in her place is Mrs. Telford, who has for her assistants, Elizabeth Burdett and Nanet Millward.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunner Larson left June 17 to go through the temple in Salt Lake.

On June 2 the building committee gave a vaudeville at the Oakland ward chapel. It was a real old-fashioned vaudeville with dancing and music. The building committee wishes to thank all that attended.

Mrs. Carr, Stan and Marreen Carr have gone to Los Angeles to be at the bedside of Mrs. Carr's brother, Mr. Shade Boice. Mrs. Carr received a telegram asking her to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reese Thomson have as guests Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Thomson. The father and mother of Reese Thomson, and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Squires and his nieces, Martha Lee and Fay. The visitors are all from Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Birchall have Mrs. Marion Crockett and Mrs. D. S. Crockett visiting them for a short stay.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Mr. and Mrs. James Roark spent Memorial Day in Ogden, Utah.

Mr. Junius Payne was a Sunday School Stake Board visitor Sunday morning, June 11. Mrs. Ida Nielson was a Sunday School Stake Board visitor on June 18.

Miss Lileth Tidwell was honored at a 1:00 o'clock luncheon Friday afternoon, June 16, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell. Miss Tidwell left two days later for Smithfield, Utah, where she will stay indefinitely.

President Eugene Hilton and wife were our Sunday evening speakers on June 18.

Bishop and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins were among those present at the banquet at Treasure Island on Utah Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Parker have had as guests recently, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Stenzil of San Francisco, Mr. Angus, Afton Angus, and Mrs. Jennie Parker of Orland, Calif.

Mr. Wallace Anderson has had his mother, Mrs. C. J. Heldburg of Salt Lake City, visiting with him. Mrs. Wallace Anderson was called to Salt Lake upon the death of her father and is remaining for a few weeks.

Miss Rose Topance, daughter of Mr. Horace Topance, and Walter Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Smith, were married Friday evening, June 16, at the home of the groom's parents. Bishop Arthur L. Hopkins performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Tidwell vacationed in Utah. Gerl Orme, brother of Mrs. Tidwell returned with them.

"Why My Father Is My Pal," was the theme of the contest, sponsored by one of the Bay area newspapers for children from the ages of nine to twelve years. Miss Ruth Hopkins, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Arthur L. Hopkins, won the first prize of ten dollars. This was her twenty-five word letter:

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Mrs. Herbert F. Layton and son, Herbert, have left for an extended trip to the East.

A new Sunday School superintendency has been chosen in Richmond ward. L. Allan Tidwell has been chosen as superintendent, with Marvin Parker and R. H. Johnson as counselors.

R. H. Johnson visited for a week with friends and relatives in Los Angeles.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

Mr. Clifford W. Bagley left Rochdale, England, the first of July, and expects to visit on the Continent before returning home. He will then sail from France about the twelfth of July for New York, where he will visit the World's Fair, and then go to Palmayra and the Hill Comorah and will arrive in Oakland the first of August.

Mr. Glen Gee has been chosen superindent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association, and Carl Fielding, activity counselor, for the coming season.

Friday evening, June 16, a party was held in honor of an Explorer Scouts Troop 124, Salt Lake City, Mr. John H. Bowers, their leader, and Mrs. Bowers. The hosts and hostess were Don C. Wood Jr., J. Edward Ogden, and Miss Marjorie Wood. There were 24 guests from Claremont, Oakland, and Salt Lake City. Games and refreshments were enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall A. S. Stoddard, after which the evening was finished with songs at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Ogden.

The Relief Society is holding a relief work meeting every Tuesday during the summer. All Relief Society members are urged to participate.

Joe Thoresen, who has been confined in a San Francisco hospital for the past few months, was released on Monday, June 19, and left the following day for Salt Lake City to visit his mother.

Mrs. Mary Jones is visiting her sister in Salt Lake City for a few weeks.

The Book of Mormon class was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ogden on June 18.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

Alfred Oscar Dent and Janice Mourison were married June 22 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Thompson in Piedmont by R. O. Phelps.

The two new counsellors to Curtis Bybee, Sunday School Superintendent, are Glen C. Rounds and Douglas Swanson.

Joe Johnson has been called to Utah because of the death of his mother.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday School held their monthly meeting at the home of Stake Superintendent Francis Gealta. Routine affairs were followed by a party honoring Ted Mudge and Marjorie Briggs.

Argyle Lamar Fernsten and Helen E. Daugherty were married at the Little Chapel of the Flowers, June 2. A reception followed at the bride's home. Bishop Phelps officiated at the ceremony.

Twelve widows of the ward enjoyed a delightful party at the home of Ella Chase, June 15. They formed a club to meet each month.

Donna and Winnifred Phelps are visiting relatives in Idaho. They will spend some time in Yellowstone Park before returning home in August.

Primary Superintendent Sarah Summerhays recently returned from Utah.

Irene Briggs entertained at a trousseau tea, June 18, in honor of her sister, Marjorie, whose marriage to Ted Mudge is to take place the latter part of the month in the Salt Lake Temple.

Maurine Dixon of Provo is visiting with her sister, Helen Payne.

Dr. and Mrs. Russell B. Clarke of Chicago, brother of Elmer Clarke, and his father, W. W. Clarke of Idaho, are visiting at the Clarke home.

Ruth Gealta's mother, Mrs. Sophia Nelson of Ogden, is visiting with her.

Mavis Humphreys and Rose Clarke attended the Primary conference at Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Gordon and family of Ogden are visiting the P. W. Jackson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Segerstedt of Utah are visiting the Segerstedts.

Dr. and Mrs. E. DeMar Anderson of St. Louis are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Dorius.

Mrs. Lowell Pearce and eight children of Snowflake Stake, Arizona, have been visiting with her mother, Vilate Pearce.

Dr. Merlin Fish of Brigham City paid a short visit to his brother, Parley, June 25.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

The farewell party for Hayward ward's first missionary, Gwendolyn Millet, was a grand success and Miss Millet is now in Salt Lake City preparing to enter the mission field.

A chicken dinner was sponsored by the building committee on Tuesday, June 20, for benefit of the new chapel. It was pronounced a success by Clifford Johnston, president of the committee.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willis from Tracy have moved to Hayward to reside. They and their five children are becoming prominent in ward activities.

Mrs. J. T. Saley is a new member of the ward, having come from Salt Lake City.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:
To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson, Martinez, a daughter, June 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Burton Webb, Hayward, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olsen, Hayward, a daughter.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hyrum Middleton, Vallejo, a daughter, June 15.

BLESSINGS:
Harold Edward Saley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Saley, Hayward.
Yvone Kearley, Claremont.
Kenneth C. Stamps, Elmhurst.
Donald Kenneth Partington, Elmhurst.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:
Clyde Chandler, Berkeley.
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Lois Moore, Claremont.
Julia Ellsworth, Claremont.

ORDINATIONS:
Stanley Michealson, Elmhurst, Elder.
Teachers from Vallejo: John LeRoy Soper, James Albert Barry, Walter D. Prescott Jr., Eugene Lathrop, Gilbert Honsvick, Thorvald Honsvick, Delmar Fowles.

MARRIAGES:
Norma Hill and Dale Tanner, Vallejo, June 14.
Beatrice Stock and Kenneth Cunningham, Elmhurst, June 24, in Oakland.
Vivian Church, Salt Lake City, and Stanley Michealson, Elmhurst, June 28, in Salt Lake City.
Ida B. Nelson and James Jeffs, Ogden, June 17, in Vallejo.
Louise Feller and Emil Pahl, Berkeley, June 9, in Berkeley.

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